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THE So^th.-Carolina GAZETTE.

Containing the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtick.

From MONDAY *December* 28th, *to* WEDNESDAY *January* 6th, 1748.

By an Accident I have been prevented from compoſing this Paper punctually on Monday as I fully intended; ſo that I fear the Letter to the Freeholders may come out too late, (for which I heartily aſk the Author's Pardon) yet it is inſerted, as

A NEW-YEAR'S *GIFT.*

To the FREEHOLDERS *of the Province of* SOUTH-CAROLINA.

Gentlemen,

THE Time being juſt come which is fixed for the *Election* of Members to ſit in the Commons Houſe of Aſſembly, pray liſten for your own Sakes to a few Words offered in Seaſon for your Good.

There was a Time when *every* Man had a Right to give his Vote, becauſe he had a *Head* upon his Shoulders (or in other Words, becauſe *one* Man had as many Heads as *another*) for which he paid Twenty Shillings Tax; that is, when thoſe who had an *Intereſt* or Share in the Province, and were link'd faſt to it's good or bad Fortune, had a leſs Share perhaps in the Choice of Perſons elected to make *Laws* for them, than thoſe who had *no Intereſt* in it, but their preſent *Convenience*. But ſince the paſſing of the Act, whereby the Qualifications of the *Electors* as well as of the *elected* have been enlarged, *You alone* are poſſeſſed of the Right of chuſing Perſons to repreſent the Inhabitants of this Province. 'Tis a glorious *Privilege!* and methinks every one of you ſhould be fond of all Opportunities to put in your *Claim* to it, and ſhew what a *Right* you enjoy beyond ſome *others* of your Fellow Subjects. Yet ſuch hath been the *Indifference* or *Neglect* which hath prevailed in that Reſpect, that Members to repreſent a Pariſh have been returned duely elected by *the Votes of the Church-Wardens only*. And ſuch hath been the *Unwillingneſs* of the *Elected* to ſerve, that not a few, and thoſe ſome of the fitteſt Perſons in Point of Fortune and Capacity, have *refuſed* to do it when choſen. Nay, we have very lately ſeen an Aſſembly called, but not Members enough meet *even to make a Houſe*, thô 19 of the 44 Members are ſufficient for that Purpoſe. Without entering into any Reaſons which may be offered for ſo *general* a Lukewarmneſs or Indifference, one may venture ſurely to pronounce, that it is on *both Sides* wrong; very wrong indeed. For, who does not ſee, that this *Supineneſs* or *Inattention to your Elections* lays you open to *Advantages* being taken that you may have Cauſe to repent.

It is often very juſtly ſaid, that *every Man is true to his own Intereſt*. If therefore it can be made appear to you, that it is *at this Time* your Intereſt to exert yourſelves in the Choice of *fit and proper Perſons* to repreſent you in the next General Aſſembly; and that it is the Intereſt alſo of the Elected to appear there for you, it is to be preſumed, that That may have ſome Influence upon your Conduct in the enſuing Election. For that Purpoſe then, let us take a ſhort View of Matters no further back than the Time of paſſing the Act before-mentioned, which reduced the Time of ſitting of Aſſemblies from *three* Years to *one* Year from the Date of the Writs; but how much that tends to your Good, may deſerve a particular Conſideration by itſelf.

Since the paſſing of that Act, we have had *three* Aſſemblies elected. The *firſt* was perhaps the *beſt*; the *ſecond* undoubtedly the worſt ſince his Majeſty's Government of us; and the third was nothing at all; for it never was in Being properly, having not lived to draw Breath. The firſt was as conſpicuous for their *Knowledge* and *Diſpatch* of Buſineſs, as the ſecond was for the *Want of both*; the one for their *Mildneſs* and *Regularity*, as the other was for the *Reverſe*; the firſt was zealous to ſerve *you*, the other to ſerve their *own Ends*. And thô there were ſeveral Members in the ſecond as worthy in all Reſpects as any in the firſt, yet they were unable to ſerve you as they wiſhed, and had enough to do to watch the Motions of the reſt, and to defeat as much of their miſchievous Deſigns as poſſible. A Character ſeemingly ſo ſevere of the laſt Aſſembly which did Buſineſs ought to be ſupported by Something.

But in the firſt Place be it remembered, that previous to their Election, a certain Paper made it's Appearance in this Gazette N°. 648, with a ſquinting Title, being, *an Overture and Propoſal concerning Carolina*. From No-body, to No-body! Had it been ſaid to come from a *few*, or even *many* diſtreſſed Perſons *in* Carolina to their *Creditors*, there had been nothing in it, thô few ever had the Face to make ſuch Propoſals. But as it conveyed an Idea that it came from the *Generality* of the People to the *Legiſlature*, it was in Fact *an Inſult upon the Province*. Yet the Author was look'd on ſo little acquainted with his Subject, his Scheme ſo *indigeſted* and full of *Abſurdities* and *Contradictions*, that merely thro' *Contempt* no one thought it worth their while to take Notice of it. This indeed was too great a Contempt ſhewn towards it. For as it had a ſtrong Tendency to *poiſon* weak Minds, and to create *a Party Affair* between the *Merchant* and the *Planter*, neither of which can proſper long without the other; as on the one Hand it baſely and untruly painted us *all* or the *Generality of us* in ſuch *deſperate Circumſtances* as could not but ſhock our *Credit* and *Reputation* with our *Mother-Country*, and on the other Hand repreſented *the Province as an eaſy Prey to our neighbouring Enemies*, ſeeing *none* of us were like to *defend* it; and as it put *diſhoneſt Thoughts* into the Heads of ſome People to the Prejudice of their *Creditors* and the Diſturbance of the *Community*, who would never elſe perhaps have thought of ſuch Things; upon theſe ſeveral Accounts, it well deſerved the Laſh.

Soon after the Meeting of the Aſſembly *Six Petitions* came before them from different Parts of the Province, *of Inhabitants ſuffering in the general Calamities and Misfortunes of the Province*. As thoſe Petitions were backed by a ſtrong *Party* in the Houſe, and almoſt engroſſed the Attention of a tedious long Seſſion, and made a great Noiſe throughout the Province; and as there is really ſomething very curious and worth your Notice in the *Circumſtances* attending them, it is fit that you ſhould have a particular Account of them. The *Foundation* of thoſe Petitions was, as contained in the Preamble, "That *by the Fall of the Produce in Value* they were "reduced to the *greateſt Straights* and rendered *unable to pay their* "*Debts* at preſent, and would be ſo alſo to pay their *Taxes, Quit-*"*Rents*, and *maintain their Families* for the future here, ſeeing if "*timely Relief* was not obtained many of them muſt be obliged to "*leave the Province.*" The Relief was pointed out under the *ſame* Heads (thô not in ſuch open and particular Terms) as occurred to *the Author of the Overture and Propoſal*; excepting that of *putting a Stop to all Suits for former Debts*, which however was much talked of, but the Advocates for it were ridiculed out of it. There is no Occaſion to ſay any Thing upon the ſeveral Parts of the Relief that was wanted. They had, together with many other Things offered by Members, a *very* deliberate Conſideration and *Determination* of the Legiſlature.

But ſeeing the Petitioners repreſented *their* Misfortunes to be the *general Calamities and Misfortunes of the Province*, let us, for the

Honour

Honour of our Country, take a nearer View of those 6 Petitions; and see, *from what Quarters they came*. They were from the Inhabitants of

St. Helena Parish in *Granville* County,	93	*Subscribers.*
Prince William Parish, in the same,	62	
St. Bartholomew's Parish in *Colleton* County. (2 Members of Assembly at their Head)	71	
Wadmelaw in the same,	37	
Edisto-Island in the same, (a Member of Assembly at their Head)	31	
Craven County, (2 Members of Assembly at their Head) only 45, tho headed by a Colonel of a Regiment in that County which contains not less 'tis supposed than 1200 Men,	45	
Subscribers in the Whole	339	

Of which had not a *Freehold* in the Province, and paid not one Shilling to the *Support* of it: And, if one may judge by the *Similitude* of Hands, many of them had their Names wrote *for* them. There was another talk'd of from *St. Paul's* in *Colleton* County, but it stuck somewhere by the Way. You see, those Petitions came all from the *remotest* Parts of the Province; NOT ONE FROM ANY PARISH IN *BERKLEY* COUNTY, which sends just *one Half* of your Representatives to Assembly; and is in Point of Value perhaps *three Parts* of the whole Province. Again, mark! those Petitions were all in the same Words, *i.e.* a Copy of each other; they were most of them wrote by *Hackney Clerks*; some of them by the *same Hand*, and a *Blank* left in some to fill up the *Name of the Parish*. Judge for yourselves, whether they could be the genuine *voluntary* Product of the several Petitioners in Parts so remote from one another, thinking and expressing themselves exactly alike? And whether they must not have been framed *for* them by *One Man* only? And can you think it in the least strange, that in so large a Province, such a Number of Men could be induced by their own *Hopes* and the *Persuasion* of others to sign them? What wretched little *Artifices* did not their Leaders make Use of, even so far as to endeavour to *intimidate* the Legislature, in order to obtain their Ends! (How they came to receive Hopes of *Success* may be the Subject of another Enquiry.) Returns of Tax-Collectors were kept back on purpose that it might not *appear* you paid your Taxes so well as you *did*, only to support a Suggestion that you were *unable* to pay them. One while we were told of *Abundance of Families* that intended speedily to remove and settle *Cat-Island*, unless something was done for them; tho we could not hear of *one* Family that really intended any such Thing. Another while, we were alarmed with Rumours of *great Numbers* withdrawing themselves at the Southward *with all their Effects* to *Georgia*; which was not unlike the poor frightened Boy's Account of a *thousand* Cats fighting, that proved to be only *his Grandame's* and *Dame Goodby's*. Nay, the Service of the King's Writs for Debt was openly *resisted*, and one of them audaciously burnt. The casual and unavoidable *Hardships* of the Times produced by the plain Course of Things, were affectedly called *Grievances*, on purpose to insinuate a *Right* to have these Hardships relieved by the Legislature. And when the Party Members saw that they could not obtain *all* the Acts they wanted, they were resolved there should be *none* at all passed. And turning their Backs upon your Business, they suddenly disappeared after a shameful Manner, and broke the House, leaving the *Publick Credit* to be sacrificed, as well as their *own Honour* to provide for the Engagements they themselves made. After which with some Difficulty just Members enough got together to finish the Business, and present the Bills that passed both Houses for the Assent. Happy was it for you, that the Upper-House rejected the *favourite Bill* for stamping £. 150,000. For as that was to be lent to *such only* as would make Oath, *that they were in such distressed Circumstances, that they were under a Necessity of borrowing to pay their Debts*, and the Publick *was to make good the Deficiency or Loss on the Money lent out*, You might have been roundly taxed to pay the *Debts* of *others*. To conclude, in Support of the Character before given of that Assembly, they spun out the Sessions to the middle of *June*; appointed near 50 Committees (besides many more to prepare and bring in Bills, others to confer upon them, and also Committees of the whole House) many of which never reported; and of 30 Bills, 4 were rejected or not passed by the Upper-House, 4 were rejected by their own House, 2 that were by Order brought in were not so much as read; and 6 that were ordered to be brought in were not brought in at all.

This was the Assembly of which it was said (even before the Members were elected) *that it would be the best that ever we had*. 'Twas the *first* that ever attempted to make you *pay* 'em for their Attendance. Indeed many of them could not *afford* to attend without being paid. *They* are the Men who made all the *Uneasiness*; and who, being disappointed in their *own* Views, were for having *no Assembly* at all when the last was called; and *they* are some of the Men who now talk of serving you, but they must be *paid*.

That you may not be so careless and indifferent about the ensuing Election as you were about the last, take this short Story. After the Time for the Meeting of the Members then elected had been enlarged for *two Months longer*, when the Members who attended to qualify, being tired of waiting Day after Day in Expectation of more, had at last declared their Resolution to go home again; the Question was asked of one of them, *seeing it were so difficult to get Members to serve, or that they were so unwilling to attend, Whether Members enough could not be got together, just to pass* A TAX-BILL FOR THREE YEARS? A very ingenious Proposal to suit the Temper you were in! Pass but that one Bill, and you need not be at the Trouble to do *any Thing else* for 3 Years to come. O what Pains were taken to draw *Nineteen* together! *Seventeen* appeared. *Two* more were *relied* on. They promised to come. But—*sorry Thoughts* you know are best. See what an Escape you have had! Mind it; and remember the Number *NINETEEN*.

And now, having shewn you that there are Holes in a Sieve big enough for you to look through, 'tis to be hoped you will all repair, on the Election-Days, to your several Parish-Churches. And as I am got into a sort of a Pulpit, may your Hearts and Minds be filled with the *Knowledge* and *Love* of *Truth*, that you the Electors may chuse *proper Persons* to serve you. And may such Persons being *elected* be endued plenteously with that heavenly Grace the *Love of their Country*, that they may take Care of it *themselves*, not trusting to *Mercenaries*. Which is the hearty Prayer of one who always had your Interest at Heart, and is, like you

A *FREEHOLDER*.

☞ *NOTICE is hereby given to* Philanthropos, *who enclosed to me* the Overture and Proposal *mentioned in the above Letter, — that, unless he pays the Price notified for publishing the same, on or before the first of next Month, the said Letter will be taken up in the* Printing Office *for publick Inspection, not doubting but that (howsoever disguised the Hand is) I shall thereby find out my Debtor.* P. T.

The Letter was thus,

'Mr. *Timothy*, ——*Sir*,

'YOU are desired to insert the inclosed Overture and Proposal in your Gazette, without Hesitation. You shall be paid your 'Honour; had your Charge been known, the Money would have 'been inclosed. You must mention the Demand at the Foot of 'the last Page. Your ready Compliance will much oblige many 'of your Friends and Friends to the Province, amongst those

'*Your humble Servant*, —— *PHILANTHROPOS*.'

CHARLES-TOWN, *January* 6.

A few Days ago, died, much lamented, after a lingering Indisposition, and in the 42th Year of her Age, the Lady of the Hon. *Benjamin Whitaker*, Esq; our Chief Justice.

We hear, that the *Frederica* Privateers have been sail'd some Days from that Port, but having received some Damage at Sea, put into *Edisto*, from whence they put to Sea again last Monday.

The two Vessels taken into the Government's Service (*for our last*) are not yet sail'd. And, we hear, that on Friday last the Brigt. which occasioned the fitting out these Vessels, was seen flowing to the Southward, in Company with three Ships supposed to be her Prizes.

Mr. *Hugh Cartwright* of this Town, is fitting out a Private Schooner, called the *Cartwright*, and commanded by Capt. *John Scutby*, which will be ready to sail in a few Days.

CLEARED OUT, Charles-Town, *Enter'd Inwards*.

Ship Friendship, John Cleland, and
Ship Bamff, James Patterson, from London.
Ship Two Brothers, Thomas Arnott, and
Snow James and Janner, William Muir, from Philadelphia.
Brigt. Rhode-Island, Resolved Waterman, and
Sloop John, John Clark, from Rhode-Island.
Brigt. Carpenter, Lawrence Elmes,
Schooner Nancy, John Baddely, and
Sloop Victory, William Clymer, from the *Spanish* Coast.
Sloop Three Sisters, William Eve, from Jamaica.

Sloop

Sloop Carolina, Elijah Steel, and
Sloop Friendſhip, Samuel Saltus, from Providence.
Sloop Little Thomas, Richard Frith, and
Sloop Elizabeth, Richard Somerſall, from Bermuda.

Entered Outwards.

Ship Minerva, Alexander Catherwood, for Liverpoole.
Ship Banff, James Patterſon, for London.
Ship Two Brothers, Thomas Arnott, for Leith.

Cleer'd for Departure.

Ship Charming Judith, Ralph Arſcot,
Ship Blacket & Fenwick, Malachi Foot, and
Brigt. Charming Nancy, Arthur Gould, to London.
Brigt. Charles-Town, James Rodger, to Antigua.
Brigt. Kitty, John Jopſon, to Briſtol.
Schooner Elizabeth, Joſeph Hatton, to Frederica.
Sloop Sally, Jeremiah Higgs, to Barbados.

Quarter Rates at Charleſtown, of the following Goods, of the Produce and Manufacture of this Province.

Rice per 100 Wt. 35 *ſ.* 0	Indigo, 20 *ſ.*
Pitch per Barrel, 35 *ſ.* 0	Deer-Skins per *lb.* 16 *ſ.* 6
Tar, 30 *ſ.*	Corn per Buſhel, 12 *ſ.* 6
Turpentine, 8 *ſ.* 6	Peaſe, 12 *ſ.* 6
Rozin, 8 *ſ.*	Sallad Oil per Quart, 12 *ſ.* 6

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Juſt publiſhed,

And to be ſold by the Printer hereof, (Price 2 *s.* & 6 *d.*)

A Second LETTER from *PUBLICOLA*, to the Reverend Mr. *George Whitefield*, concerning the Accounts of the *ORPHAN-HOUSE* in *Georgia*, &c.

TO BE SOLD at publick Vendue, on the 27th of *January* next, at the Houſe where Doct. *Good* deceaſed lately dwelt on the *Bay-Point* Iſland, Nine likely Negroes, to be delivered on the Payment of the Caſh, or gaged to *Anthony Mathews*.

THE Subſcriber having for two Years paſt been appointed & qualified Regiſter of the Pariſh of *St. Philip's Charles-Town*, agreeable to the Direction of an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, by which it is *Enacted*, That all and every the Inhabitants of each Pariſh, That are either Parents, Guardians, Overſeers, Maſters, Miſtreſſes, or Executor or Adminiſtrator, of any Perſon born, chriſtened, married or buried within this Province, ſhall & are thereby enjoined and required to give Notice to the *Regiſter* of the Pariſh, in which ſuch Birth Chriſtening, Marriage or Burial ſhall happen, and pay him his Fee for the ſame, under a Penalty to be recovered from every Defaulter. AND WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh do obſtinately refuſe to comply with the Directions of the ſaid Act, and others neglect to pay for Regiſters made; He hopes after this publick Notice, no One will put him to the diſagreeable Neceſſity of compelling them by a Magiſtrate, to do a thing ſo neceſſary, and what the Law plainly directs. *John Remington.*

Juſt imported in the Ship *Two Brothers*, Capt. *Thomas Arnott*, from *Philadelphia*, a choice parcel of *Market's* Beer, and to be ſold by *Macartan* and *Campbell* at their Store in *Elliott-ſtreet*.

TO BE LETT, the Houſe wherein *Benjamin Godin*, Eſq; now lives in *Tradd-ſtreet*. Enquire of *David Caw.*

WHEREAS great Treſpaſſes have been of late Years committed upon the Plantation at *Gooſe-Creek* now belonging to the Subſcriber, by cutting of Hoop-poles, white Oak, &c. This is to give Notice, that whoever ſhall be found guilty of the like for the future, ſhall be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity. As alſo, this is to forbid burying about the Chapel on the ſaid Plantation without Leave aſk'd and obtain'd of *David Caw.*

PUT UP by the Subſcriber, to be Run for, on Friday the 29th Inſt. at *Aſhley-Ferry*, a ſilver hilted Sword of 40 *l.* Price, a pair of ſcrew Barrel Piſtols of 30 *l.* and ſundry other things. Whoever inclines to run for the ſame, may ſee them and know the Conditions, on Application to me at the ſaid Ferry.

Charles Lowndes.

TO BE SOLD at publick Vendue, on Monday the firſt of February next, at the Houſe of John Mackenzie, jun. on Charles-Town Neck, a choice parcel of Slaves, conſiſting of young able Men, Women, Boys and Girls, chiefly this Country born, ſeveral of which have been brought up about a Houſe, and are very handy and tractable.

Alſo the following Tracts of Land, viz.

A ſettled Plantation at Ponpon, *formerly belonging to Mr.* Joſhua Green *deceaſed, containing* 504 *Acres, bounding to the North on Mr.* James Ferguſon's *Land, to the Weſt on Mr.* Joſhua Sanders, *and now in the Poſſeſſion of Mr.* George Jackſon; *it is within two Miles of a good Landing, and well known to be extraordinary good Land for Rice, Corn, or Indigo, it being conveniently fitted for Reſerves of Water in dry Seaſons. There is on it a good Dwelling-Houſe for an Overſeer, two Barns, ſeveral Negro and other Out-houſes, a good Orchard, and the Plantation is in good Order, and fit for planting immediately.*

A Tract of Land at Wampee, *containing* 400 *Acres, formerly belonging to Mr.* John Green *deceaſed, bounding to the North on Land laid out to* Samuel Ruſcoe, *to the Eaſt, South and Weſt, on Lands vacant at the Time of the Grant, upwards of* 30 *Years ago.*

And one other Tract of Land at Santee, *formerly belonging to* Henry Toomer *deceaſed, containing* 125 *Acres, bounding to the Weſt on Mr.* Richard Butler's *Land, to the North on vacant Land, to the Eaſt on* Richard Rotan's, *and to the South on vacant Land or Savanna.*

The Sale to begin at 11 *o'Clock in the Forenoon, and the Conditions are, one Year's Credit, paying Intereſt, and giving ſuch Security (if required) as ſhall be approved of by* John Mackenzie, *jun.*

N.B. *The Deeds may be ſeen in the Hands of* John Rattray, *Eſq; in* Charles-Town.

To be Sold by the Subſcriber, a Plantation ſituate in the Pariſh of *St. James Gooſe-Creek*, containing about 700 Acres, 18 Miles from *Charles-Town*, whereon there is a good Dwelling-Houſe, and all other Conveniences, and in good Repair. The Purchaſer may have One, Two, or Three Years Credit, paying Intereſt, and giving Security (if required) for further Particulars enquire of me at my Plantation in *Gooſe-Creek*. *William Allen.*

TO BE SOLD, a Tract of Land containing above 300 Acres, on *Wadmelaw-Iſland*, within half a Mile of a Landing on *Bohicket-Creek*, and a Mile from another Landing on *Wadmelaw-River*: Thereon is a new Dwelling-houſe, two Story high, 3 Rooms on a Floor with convenient Cloſets in each, a new Barn, Dairy and other Out-Houſes, a good Garden and Orchard well ſtock'd with all ſorts of young Fruit Trees. About 150 Acres of the ſaid Land are under good Fence, and good for Corn or Rice, but particularly for Indigo. The reſt Oak and Hickery. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſame, may treat with me at the ſaid Plantation. *William Chambers.*

STOLEN, or gone a-drift from *Conſelliere's* Creek, about the middle of *December* laſt, a Cypreſs Canow 21 Feet long and 4 and an half wide, her Stern broke out. Whoever brings her to me ſhall have 20 *s.* Reward. *John Eycott.*

A good Horſe and Chair, to be ſold. Enquire of the Printer.

TO BE SOLD at publick Vendue, on the 21ſt of *February* next, at the Watch-houſe in *Charles-Town*, the Houſe and Kitchen where Mr. *Griffith Bullard* Hatter now lives, to be taken off the Ground within a Week after the Sale.

Alſo, a Tract of Land, on *Ediſto-Iſland*, containing 500 Acres, joining Mr. *Paul Grimball's*; the Whole very good Rice, Corn and Indigo Land, and may be divided with little Trouble into two Tracts: The Plat thereof may be ſeen at the Subſcriber's Houſe in *Broad-ſtreet*;

Who has alſo three Houſe Wenches, and a Chaiſe Horſe between 14 and 15 Hands high, which he will ſell at the ſame Time for Twelve Months Credit, with Intereſt, and Security if required.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe any of the above Articles before the Day of Sale, may treat with the Subſcriber.

He continues to make and ſell, all ſorts of Jeweller's Work and Motto Rings of the neweſt Faſhions, alſo all ſorts of Gold and Silver-ſmith's Work at very reaſonable Rates for ready Money, or a Quantity at 12 Months Credit.

All Perſons indebted to me, are deſired to pay or ſettle the ſame with me before the above Time. I will take good Indigo in Payment at Market Price. *John Paul Grimball.*

☞ *The other Advertiſements will be inſerted in our next, and are omitted here for Want of Room.*